## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended)  An optical recording medium that is computer-readable and -writable, which medium stores:

software to be distributed[[,]];

non-rewritable inherent ID information[[,]];

a transmission program for transmitting the inherent ID information to a software distributor via a communication device[[,]];

a version checking program for:

causing a version information of updated software to be transmitted to a computer, and

causing the computer to compare the version information of the updated software to the software to be distributed; and

a storing program for causing updated software to be stored in a memory device of [[a]] the computer and in [[said]] the optical recording medium[[; and]],

wherein [[said]] the updated software is stored in [[said]] the memory device of [[said]] the computer, then [[said]] the stored updated software is further stored in [[said]] the optical recording medium.

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2. (Currently Amended)  An optical recording medium that is computer-readable and -writable, which medium stores:

software to be distributed[[,]];

non-rewritable inherent ID information[[,]]; and

a software updating program for:

causing a version information of updated software to be transmitted to a computer,

causing the computer to compare the version information of the updated software to the software to be distributed,

rewriting and updating the software in accordance with update software transmitted from a software distributor via a communication device based on an authentication judgment result of the inherent ID information, and

[[for]] causing updated software to be stored in a memory device of [[a]] the computer and in [[said]] the optical recording medium[[; and]],

wherein [[said]] the updated software is stored in [[said]] the memory device of [[said]] the computer, then [[said]] the stored updated software is further stored in [[said]] the optical recording medium.

3. (Currently Amended) An optical recording medium that is computer-readable and -writable, which medium stores:

software to be distributed[[,]];

non-rewritable inherent ID information[[,]];

a transmission program for transmitting the inherent ID information to a software distributor via a communication device[[, and]];

a version checking program for:

causing a version information of updated software to be transmitted to a computer, and

causing the computer to compare the version information of the updated software to the software to be distributed;

a software updating program of rewriting and updating the software in accordance with the ~~update~~ updated software transmitted from the software distributor via the communication device based on an authentication judgment result of the inherent ID information[[,]]; and

~~wherein said medium stores~~ a storing program for causing updated software to be stored in a memory device of [[a]] the computer and in [[said]] the optical recording medium[[; and]].

wherein [[said]] the updated software is stored in [[said]] the memory device of [[said]] the computer, then [[said]] the stored updated software is further stored in [[said]] the optical recording medium.

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4. (Currently Amended) The optical recording medium as claimed in claim 1, further storing:

a computer information acquiring program for acquiring information of [[said]] the computer,

wherein the transmission program transmits the information of the computer, as well as the inherent ID information, to the software distributor.

5. (Currently Amended) A method of updating software distributed and stored in a computer-readable and -writable optical recording medium, [[said]] the method comprising the steps of:

transmitting non-rewritable inherent ID information to a software distributor via a communication device;

transmitting a version information of updated software to a computer;

comparing, by the computer, the version information of the updated software to the software to be distributed;

rewriting and updating the software in accordance with update software transmitted from the software distributor via the communication device based on an authentication judgment result of the inherent ID information; and

updating software in the computer-readable and -writable optical recording medium and in a memory device of [[a]] the computer that is currently using the computer-readable and -writable optical recording medium[[;]].

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wherein [[said]] the updated software is stored in [[said]] the memory device of [[said]] the computer, then [[said]] the stored updated software is further stored in [[said]] the optical recording medium.


6. (Canceled)